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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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DEFICIENCIES IN APPROPRIATIONS.

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LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

*Documents relating to deficiencies of appropriation for the subsistence of the army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1848.*

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DECEMBER 21, 1847.

Read, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Washington, December 17, 1847.

SIR: I have the honor to lay before you a letter from the commissary general, showing the pressing necessity of an early appropriation for the deficiency in the commissary department. It is exceedingly important to the public service that immediate provision should be made to meet the deficiencies not only in that department, but also those in the other branches of the War Department, for which estimates have been made and submitted to Congress. Any delay in this respect will be highly detrimental to the public interest.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. L. MARCY,  
Secretary of War.

Hon. S. F. VINTON,  
Chairman Com. of Ways and Means, House of Reps.

OFFICE OF COMMISSARY GENERAL OF SUBSISTENCE,  
*Washington, December 17, 1847.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the appropriations applicable to "army subsistence" are nearly exhausted.

The whole sum now remaining to the credit of such appropriations does not exceed sixty thousand dollars; and that sum is absolutely necessary to meet the demands of the recruiting service.

Recent information from the principal commissaries of subsistence in Mexico, makes it necessary for me to respectfully ask that the early attention of Congress may be called to my "estimate" of the 9th November, in which the deficiency in the former appropriations is stated, as drafts to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars may be daily expected to reach the United States, and, as above shown, this department has no means of paying them.

Most respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. GIBSON, C. G. S.

Hon. W. L. MARCY,  
*Secretary of War.*